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SUBJECT: TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR TANZANIA

1. POST HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS PLANNING TRAVEL TO TANZANIA, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE IMPACT ON TRAVEL OF THE CLOSURE OF TANZANIA'S LAND BORDER WITH KENYA. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL ASSIST POSTS IN ANSWERING SUCH INQUIRIES.

2. AMERICANS REQUIRE VISAS TO ENTER TANZANIA. TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND THE KENYA IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN KENYA ARE THE ONLY OFFICES AUTHORIZED TO ISSUED TANZANIAN VISAS. IN AFRICA TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE LOCATED IN KINSHASA, ADDIS ABABA, CAIRO, CONAKRY, LAGOS, LUSAKA, KHARTOUM AND MAPUTO. AMERICANS RESIDING IN COUNTRIES WITHOUT TANZANIAN REPRESENTATION CAN OBTAIN VISAS AT PORT OF ENTRYHON ARRIVAL. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE BEST IF VISAS WERE OBTAINED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, POSSIBLY DURING A STOPOVER IN PLACES WITH TANZANIAN REPRESENTATION. BY WRITING TO THE PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, P.O. BOX 512, DAR ES SALAAM, AN AMERICAN CAN OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS. THE FEE FOR A VISA OR VISITOR'S PASS IS TANZANIAN SHILLINGS 25.00 (APPROXIMATELY US \$3.00).

3. THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT RECENTLY NOTIFIED ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS
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VIA A DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT THE TANZANIAN/KENYAN LAND BORDER CLOSURE IS TOTAL AND PERMISSION TO CROSS WILL BE LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS RESIDENT IN KENYA AND ACCREDITED TO TANZANIA OR VICE VERSA. THUS, TOURISTS CAN ONLY COUNT ON TRAVEL BY AIR BETWEEN TANZANIA AND KENYA. THE LAND BORDER WITH KENYA IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN CLOSED TO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES OPERATING SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO DAR ES SALAAM REGULARLY FLY PASSENGERS BETWEEN NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM. BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. TOURISTS SHOULD HOWEVER BE AWARE THAT NO FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE TO NAIROBI FROM MOSHI-ARUSHA OR VICE VERSA. AIR TANZANIA OPERATES FLIGHTS BETWEEN DAR AND THE ARUSHA REGION. BUS AND TRAIN SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

5. AMERICANS CONTEMPLATING VISITING TANZANIA'S NORTHERN GAME PARKS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH TANZANIA TOURIST AGENCIES OR SEEK INFORMATION FROM TANZANIA DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABOARD. THE ADDRESS OF THE TANZANIA TOURIST CORPORATION, THE GOVERNMENT'S TOURIST AGENCY, IN DAR ES SALAAM IS BOX 2485. NO KENYAN TOURISTS AGENCIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO BOOK TOURS INTO TANZANIA. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES TOURISTS SHOULD ARRANGE FOR TOURS IN ADVANCE AND BRING ADEQUATE FUNDS TO COVER ALL EXPENSES WHILE IN TANZANIA. CREDIT CARDS AND PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTED.

6. AMERICAN CITIZENS INTENDING TO TRAVEL TO TANZANIA SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN VISAS AND EXIT STAMPS ON LOOSE LEAF PAGES OR OBTAIN SEPARATE PASSPORTS.
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